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# **BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER**

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## **Roy Mosley III Named Brimfield Township's Chief of Police**

On June 10, 2015, Roy Mosley III was officially sworn in as Brimfield Township's Chief of Police, after a several month search with over 30 original candidates applying for the position.

According to Township Executive Bob Keller and Police Captain Chris Adkins, Chief Mosley was the front runner during the entire hiring process.

Chief and his wife Jill, are parents of two, 15 year old daughter Ann Marie and 14 year old son Jason. They have made their home in Brimfield for the last 17 years. After his swearing in, Chief addressed the audience,

"I am excited, having lived in the township so long," Mosley said. "When this opportunity presented itself, it was just so unique. It just made sense if the opportunity presented itself to serve the community. I'm honored to do it."

And we are honored to have you, Chief! I am excited to announce that beginning this month, Chief Mosley will have a monthly column in the Brimfield Township Newsletter. His column can be found this month on page 2. Thank you, Chief!



## A Word From Chief Mosley

Hello everyone! As we round out a rainy June and head into July, I hope your summer has been an enjoyable one with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone for their warm welcome to me and to my family as I joined our Brimfield Township Police Department this month. After only 1 week, I have already had an opportunity to attend several community events and meet a number of our residents. As a resident of our township for the past 17 years, my family and I have long known that we have some wonderful people residing here in Brimfield Township who care a great deal about our community. This past week has only served to confirm that.

Our police department has established a reputation of positive community engagement that will continue going forward. All of the things we have accomplished, and will accomplish, are due to the efforts of all our men and women, not just a single individual, and I think it is important to not lose sight of that fact. That has been a group effort.

Our police department provides quality services to our community without the same resources and staffing levels of some other area police departments, and that is a testament to the officers and staff working here 24/7. Going forward, one of our strategic goals is to add BPD staff that will allow us adequate personnel for comprehensive case investigation follow up. As it stands currently, we need to sporadically pull our sole officer assigned to the Detective Bureau out to assist with our patrol functions, and that impacts our investigative efficiency and case follow up. Additionally, a Brimfield Twp. presence on our regional multi-department Portage County Drug Task Force is also a strategic goal. Brimfield has not participated in the regional task force for a number of years, and the ability to leverage the staffing and resources of this regional team to aid in addressing drug issues is something that will clearly benefit our community as well.

There are some challenges going forward. Financially, the department was not left in a good standing upon the departure of the prior police chief. That is not a criticism of any individual, it is simply a factual statement. Also, due to the financial situation, training has not been given the highest priority that I would expect for our department, and that our officers need. I know our community wants and expects all of our police officers to have the best training possible, and I can assure you our officers desire that training as well. Like any occupation, training is key to continuous improvement. As a result, addressing funding to strengthen training for all of our officers is another strategic goal going forward.

We know we cannot achieve any of these goals without the support of our community.

We are a "*community centered*" police department and will continue to operate with that emphasis. For example, later this summer we will be present at our schools on the 1st day of classes for our students for a "*Welcome Back*" from BPD. In the Fall following Brimfest, we will be hosting a "*Coffee With a Cop*" event at one of our local restaurants where the coffee is on us. The details of these events and more will be posted to our department web site soon.

Take care and stay safe!

Roy E. Mosley III, CLEE  
Chief of Police



## Road Repairs Underway Please Drive Carefully

Our Road Department Crew is busy repairing the township's roads even though some projects have been delayed due to the weather.

Please, please, take special care driving...slow down and watch for those working on our roads.



## Brimfield Chosen to Host Ohio's Chautauqua during Township's Bicentennial in 2016

Brimfield was selected as one of 4 host communities for the Ohio Humanities Council's Ohio Chautauqua for 2016. The week-long event of living history presenters will be early in the summer of 2016 and plays a key part in Brimfield's 2016 Bicentennial events. This will be the first time in Chautauqua's 15 year history that the event will be hosted in Portage County. We are very pleased to be a part of this fine program.

Chautauqua is a program of the Ohio Humanities that, through education and entertainment, encourages Ohioans to explore the past. Ohio Chautauqua programs are for the entire family. Volunteers assume the role in costume and character of a historical figure who will present a living history performance. There are hands-on workshops for children as well as adult programs presented by the scholars.

For more information on this unique program, please contact Judi Allen at the Brimfield Historical Society, 330-673-1058 or visit <http://www.ohiohumanities.org/ohio-chautauqua.html>.





## Interested in Forming Senior Citizens Club?

Marie Amato, who writes the About Brimfield column in the Record Courier, is hoping to garner interest among our local seniors to begin a Brimfield Senior Citizen Club.

If you are interested and would be willing to be nominated for president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer of the club, please contact Marie Amato at 330-673-9653 or email [brimfieldnews@gmail.com](mailto:brimfieldnews@gmail.com).

If the township trustees approve a tax-emption status for the club, you would be able to use the Community Room at the Township Town Hall Administration Office for meetings, etc. for no charge.

Most surrounding communities have Senior Citizen Clubs and Marie thinks, as do I, that it would be great for Brimfield to have one as well.



Pat Waliga, Mike Kostensky , George Waliga

## Road Dept/Parks & Rec Senior Picnic Held June 17

The Brimfield Road Dept. and Parks & Recreation held a senior breakfast on June 17 to show the residents the facilities added to the Lions Park on Edson Road.

The Trustees recognized George and Pat Waliga for their donation of a baseball complex in memory of their son.

Bob Honeychuck was also recognized for his donation of an open air picnic shelter, while Neil Sackett, President of Carter Lumber Company was recognized for his donation of materials for the construction of a picnic shelter.



Dave Rufener, son & Crew

The trustees plan to add trees to the entrance of Lions Park to honor those donations.

The rainy weather didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the picnic and we thank all who made the picnic such an enjoyable day!

Jason & Annmarie, with their dad, Chief Mosley  
at the Senior Picnic June 17, 2015



Waliga Baseball Field at Lions Park



Lions Shelter 1 constructed with donations from Carter Lumber



Honeychuck Picnic Shelter at Lions Park





## Boy Scout Troop # 259 Car Wash

Boy Scout Troop # 259 is having a car wash on Saturday, July 11 at the Brimfield Police Station from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

All donations will benefit Suffield Firefighter Andrew Woods, who lost his home in a fire in April.

## Brimfield Farmer's Market Wednesdays 4 pm – 7 pm

Don't forget...the Brimfield Farmer's Market is up and running every Wed from 4 to 7 p.m. All the loyal vendors are local, either from Brimfield or a neighboring town, and show up every Wednesday rain or shine. You'll find a small selection of local farmers and bakers with a large selection of product, including produce, baked goods and fudge, kettle corn, eggs and even handmade soaps and lotions that they have grown or made with lots of love. Local musicians also perform throughout the season.

Come out to the Town Hall Park and enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor!

Contact Claudette Saunders, 330-730-4897, for more information.



# BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

The Brimfield Township Trustee Meetings scheduled for July, 2015 are:

Wed. July 8 3:00 p.m.

Tues. July 21 6:00 p.m.

All scheduled Township Trustee Meetings and meeting minutes can be found on our website, [www.brimfieldohio.gov](http://www.brimfieldohio.gov), as well.

## Events Posted on Brimfield Township Website Calendar

Just a reminder that you can find scheduled events on our website, [www.brimfieldohio.gov](http://www.brimfieldohio.gov) by clicking on Calendar on the left side of page. More information for the event can be found by clicking on the event on the calendar or the event listed on the right hand side of the calendar page.



### **Just a Reminder**

**The Brimfield Township Administration Offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day.**

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!**





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